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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear sirs,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the DOJ/Microsoft settlement.

As I'm sure you're aware, Microsoft holds a monopoly position in the desktop operating system market, a position they regularly use to bully and coerce other companies into agreements that benefit only Microsoft, in the long run. This is fact, as supported by the original findings of the DOJ case against Microsoft.

Further, Microsoft not only seeks to maintain their monopoly in the desktop operating system space, but to expand it into wireless and handheld devices, as well as low earth orbit satellite systems and media outlets, as evidenced by their controlling shares purchased in those companies and industries.

I urge you to please reconsider this settlement, as it is ultimately bad for consumers and competition, as well as the data processing / communications and mass media industries. I sincerely feel that if this decision is allowed to pass, the DOJ will have to expend far greater resources in the future to reign in a larger, more influential software and electronic media giant than the one we are dealing with today. Please do not waste the tax dollars of myself and others on future litigation. Act now to divest Microsoft, as was originally recommended.

Sincerely,

Mike Roncadori